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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As someone who has not supported the harsh direction of the government's anti-trust lawsuit against Microsoft Corporation, I would like to add my approval of the pending legal settlement. This is a realistic compromise that should please all parties involved and halts the ongoing waste of taxpayer dollars that would be better spent on our terrorism effort.

With this fairly negotiated agreement, both sides have pledged to several significant steps that will encourage competition in the software market. Software developers will receive access to Microsoft technologies and be able to license its intellectual property, while enjoying the increased flexibility of computer makers to select the software programs of their choice. The continuing verification provided by a technical committee of software experts should make this plan quite productive when implemented.

As our economy struggles to rebound from a weak stock market and ongoing recession, it seems like a measured solution would be the best one to this dispute at this point. Please accept these very balanced terms and allow the new economy to stabilize and grow without further disruption.

Sincerely,

Clyde Bell

